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Marylou- we have to ballpark something for the future grant request, but since you're billing your time elsewhere, we don't need your time estimates. Any comments you have on the overall scope, timing and proposed hours is welcome. Thanks!

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Dear Alex:

Keith and I had a good conversation yesterday to begin some discussions about the Willamette Watershed work. As a follow up, we agreed to that Keith would convene the DEQ team and myself in the near future to develop a more detailed work plan for that work.

Given the limitations in resources, I recommend a modest work effort building off data organization and compilation and convening and information sharing. I think that is all doable, and as you know I am committed to help on this work.

I am reluctant to provide specific tasks and hours for the watershed work until we have all had the chance to meet and put a draft plan together, but I will be glad to assist with that.

Mary Lou

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Thanks for the heads up Alex. Since Eva and Davis are out, I'll say that contracted funds are allowed (or at least used to be) under a SACA. I administered several of these for the State of Idaho DEQ who regularly used contract dollars and other pass thru's. Also, we gave ODEQ funds that were contracted two 5YR's ago on Mac and Bax (although I have to say epa diving scientists do a better job!) I believe also via a SACA. The question would be whether the dollars fall into the scope of the SACA itself, which is a separate issue entirely, ie. making it very clear that the SACA is supporting the CERCLA action at the site in each element of work.

I hope this helps.

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Hi Eva.

I got your voicemail that you are out of the office for a couple weeks (as is Davis), so I'm copying Debbie and Sean, in the event that the EPA grants staff & management need to connect with the PH Team. I'm also cc-ing Mary Lou, who has been coordinating with Sarah on the joint EPA/DEQ Watershed Strategy.

As you know, you and I typically renegotiate the SACA grant for PH Source Control support in April. I started working on it a little early this year with the DEQ team for a variety of reasons. Importantly we found we need to add hours for the new task of developing/implementing the Watershed Strategy. We also found out that the grant will be extended for the next fiscal year, rather than

starting a new cycle period. In addition, there was confusion about the new administration's communications regarding suspension of all EPA grants and contracts.

While putting together our estimates for Watershed Strategy tasks, we realized that some of the tasks may be contracted out, to better serve both DEQ and EPA interests. So our grants coordinator, Gil Wistar, contacts Ricardo Solis and also spoke to his manager, Sheila Fleming, about whether contractors are allowable under SACA funds. They think maybe so, but wanted more context and an understanding of what the tasks are anticipated to be and estimates of hours. So we passed along our first draft of the updated PH SACA SOW to them, which includes this info.

I wanted to make sure you were in the loop, since you and I hadn't yet connected on this. I attached the draft here for you, so everyone can be in the loop on what we are proposing. I highlighted text sections in yellow that I changed from the last version, so you could be aware of them. Things in green are still under development or need to be confirmed/changed before finalizing. Of course, your input is welcome so we can finalize it together. I just wanted to make sure the contracting piece was permissible and the hours and dollars made sense, before you and I complete the negotiation. I'd also appreciate any input Mary Lou might have on the Watershed tasks and hours estimates.

I imagine the EPA grants staff and management will want assurance from the EPA PH Team that the Watershed piece is a reality since the ROD concurrence discussions between DEQ and EPA. So now you are all in the loop!

Thanks.

--Alex

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